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Garden Gala Offers Something for Everyone
NASHUA—Area gardeners will not want to miss a daylong garden symposium on Saturday, Aug. 7 at the ISU Demonstration Farm near Nashua. The ISU Extension Art & Garden Gala is packed with horticulture sessions on diverse topics like bee keeping, alternative garden crops, apple budding, dried flowers and windbreaks.

The Gala will run from 9 am to 4 pm and will include on-farm research and demonstrations. The Gala costs $20 and includes lunch. Visitors will have time to visit displays featuring local artist and garden and landscape vendors. For registration information for the Art & Garden Gala, call the Borlaug Learning Center at 641-435-4864.

In the evening, the annual Iowa State University Demonstration Home Garden Field Day will start at 4 pm. This event is free and open to the public. Dr. Cynthia Haynes from ISU Department of Horticulture will provide information on the plant trials at the research farm and the flower quilts of red, white and yellow flowers. Other displays include a study on compost rates, big pumpkin contest, and various flowers and vegetable test varieties. The Floyd County Quality Pork Producers will provide grilled burgers for supper and there will be homemade ice cream and garden produce to sample.

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Annual Iowa Grazing Conference Set for Aug. 23-24
CHARITON, Iowa--The Iowa Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) will conduct a grazing conference on Aug. 23-24, in West Des Moines at the Iowa Farm Bureau headquarters. The event will start at 9 a.m. on Aug. 23 and conclude by 1 p.m. on Aug. 24. Featured speakers include Mark Kennedy, Missouri Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) grasslands specialist; Rick Rasby, University of
Nebraska; Steve Barnhart, Iowa State University; and Erin Herbold, ISU Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation.

The agenda will include discussions on alternative grazing systems, beef heifer development, increasing beef cow efficiency, legal issues for livestock farmers, and numerous breakout sessions on topics of interest to graziers. The program includes producer panel discussions on wildlife and grazing, direct marketing beef, and choosing the grazing system that fits your operation. A pasture walk and barbecue at the Ken Henrichsen farm near Winterset will be held on the evening of the Aug. 23.

The event is sponsored by GLCI, the NRCS, Iowa Farm Bureau, ISU Extension – Iowa Beef Center, Iowa Forage and Grasslands Council, Southern Iowa Forage and Livestock Committee, Dow Agro Sciences, the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Practical Farmers of Iowa. Registration fee for the two-day event is $50 in advance (payable by Aug. 16) and $60 at the door. For more information contact Joe Sellers at 641-203-1270, email sellers@iastate.edu, or registration information will be available at www.iowabeefcenter.org in mid-July.

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Statewide Training Session for Commercial Manure Applicators Scheduled for Aug. 25

Iowa State University (ISU) Extension in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will conduct a statewide training for commercial manure applicators on Wednesday, Aug. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon. This training will not be a live show, but will be the same program that was offered for training in January 2010.

This is an opportunity for commercial manure applicators who have not fulfilled their 2010 training to do so before the busy fall manure application season. Commercial manure applicators wishing to become certified for the first time also may attend. The workshop will provide the required three hours of annual training. Applicators who have already attended training in 2010 do not need to attend, but are reminded to submit their forms and fees prior to any manure hauling or land application.

Iowa law requires commercial manure applicators to attend three hours of annual training and to submit the appropriate forms and fees to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to meet certification requirements. Applicators may apply manure prior to receiving their certification card in the mail, but commercial applicators should carry a copy of the signed paperwork with them until they receive their certification card to prove they have attended their annual training. Commercial manure applicator licenses will expire on March 1, 2011, regardless of when training was attended in 2010.

There is no fee for the training workshop, but applicators must register with the county extension office where they plan to attend by Wednesday, Aug. 18. Applicators should bring their driver’s license or a copy of their certification card. All the counties in Region 4 (Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek) will be offering this program at the County ISU Extension office. Call your county office to register.

If you have questions about the statewide re-show of the 2010 satellite downlink program, contact your ISU Extension county office or check on the Web at http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/immag/mac.html.

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Other Releases

7/2/2010 - Ask the ISU Garden Experts About: Flooded Gardens, Blossom End Rot and Spittlebugs


The experts discuss flooded gardens, blossom end rot and spittlebugs.

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